

I would like to recognize each artist for their participation by indicating their high school, their name, and the title of their contest entry for the official record.

Boonton High School: Cathy Yang's "Self Portrait" (Honorable Mention); Elyssa Hunziker's "When I Was Seventeen;" Jennifer Vasta's "The Gift;" Steve McKeown's "Self Portrait".

Chatham High School: Anna Zamecka's "Charcoal Still Life;" Grace Oakley's "Global Fabric;" Michelle Mruk's "Miniature Eggplants and Egg".

Livingston High School: Jordana Geller's "Timelessness;" Kelly Keltos' "Carnival;" Victor Xia's "Steel;" Wei Li Cheng's "Vanilla".

Madison High School: Alexandra Coultas' "The Luke Miller House;" Frank Wulff, III's "Valor;" Frederick Greis' "Elaine;" Kimberly Smith's "He loves me, He loves me not".

Millburn High School: Kelly Blumenthal's "Venetian Landscape;" Jessica Pester's "Waiting" (First Place); Jacqueline San Filippo's "Riding Shadows".

Montville High School: Christine Riccio's "Summer;" Grace Lee's "Spring Flowers;" Jennifer Eishengrelo's "Montville Farmer;" Michael Johnston's "Book Smart".

Morris Knolls High School: Elizabeth Westerman's Toy Trains;" Liana Kelly's "A Brighter Life;" Jennifer Engleson's "Sunburnt Lawn".

Mount Olive High School: Kristen Cignavitch's "Puzzle Portrait;" Laura Smith's "The Approach;" Olga Kazakova's "Belarus in America;" Rachel Tenenbaum's "Photography".

Parsippany Christian School: Austin Dimare's "Austin Splendor;" Kristen Capote's "Digital Camera" (Third Place); Samantha Dahl's "Go Fish".

Ridge High School: Christina Stillwaggon's "P.M.S.;" Frankie Cocuzza's "Untitled #3;" Lara Charavantes' "Purificacao" (Honorable Mention); Sojin Ouh's "Leftovers".

Roxbury High School: Christian Peslak's "Conscious Man;" Sam Knopka's "Self Portrait;" Bret Koblyka's "Self Portrait" (Honorable Mention); Jacob Mandel's "The Artist's Mindset".

Watchung Hills High School: Kim Delli Paoli's "My Vacation".

West Morris Mendham High School: Caitlin Aromando's "Intensity;" Elisa Cecere's "Elephant Eye;" Olivia Sebesky's "Jon;" Rebecca Bailey's "Mark" (Second Place).

Each year the winner of the competition has their art work displayed with other winners from across the country in a special corridor here at the U.S. Capitol. Thousands of fellow Americans walk through that corridor and are reminded of the vast talents of our young men and women. Indeed, all of these young artists are winners, and we should be proud of their achievements so early in life.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating these talented young people from New Jersey's 11th Congressional District.

CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS ON THEIR 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. NANCY E. BOYDA

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the city of Baxter Springs, Kansas on their 150th anniversary. During the past century and a half, Baxter Springs and the state of Kansas have seen its share of ups and downs. Baxter Springs has lived through a handful of wars, including one that happened right on its own turf when the city was still just an infant. It has persisted through the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl, drought, floods, feast and famine. With all of these challenges, some Kansas towns throughout the decades have not survived a century, much less 150 years.

A sesquicentennial is not an easy day to reach for any town and its citizens should be proud for their part in building and preserving such a wonderful community. I have been to Baxter Springs and seen firsthand the wonderful culture and the pride that has blossomed just off of historic Route 66.

Baxter Springs can be looked at by other Kansas communities as a benchmark for morality, patriotism and the spirit of hard work. While I wish I could be there in person to celebrate with them, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the city of Baxter Springs on a great 150 years. Here's to another great 150 years!

HONORING MS. CHERYL MOSIER

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an outstanding teacher from my district, Ms. Cheryl Mosier of Columbine High School in Littleton. Ms. Mosier has been awarded the 2007 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, an award given by the National Science Foundation to remarkable educators committed to enhancing the learning of their students.

Established by Congress in 1983, the Presidential award program recognizes extraordinary mathematics and science teachers in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Territories, and the U.S. Department of Defense Schools. This year Ms. Mosier was the Colorado recipient for this prestigious award.

An Earth Science teacher at Columbine High School, Ms. Mosier has over 15 years teaching experience. A Colorado native, Cheryl graduated from the University of Northern Colorado, and went on to complete a master's degree in teaching from Grand Canyon University.

Cheryl inspires her students in the Earth Sciences by teaching them lessons they can relate to everyday life. Cheryl won the PAEMST award for a lesson she taught on Spectroscopy. This was the same lesson Cheryl was teaching on April 20, 1999 when

tragedy struck Columbine High School after two gunmen opened fire inside the school, killing 12 students, and one teacher.

Madam Speaker, I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to Cheryl, and wish her the best in all her future endeavors.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF ARMY SPECIALIST BRADEN J. LONG

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of a young man who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country. Army Specialist Braden J. Long, 19, of Sherman, Texas, died in service to his country last year in Baghdad of injuries sustained when his Humvee came under grenade attack. Specialist Long was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division; Fort Riley, Kansas.

Braden's mother, Melanie Thrasher, said that her son wanted to be in the military since grade school and reported for basic training just a month after graduating from Sherman High School in 2005. His family and many friends, as well as his fellow soldiers in the United States Army, can attest to the dedication of this young man who chose to live his life in service to his country.

Specialist Long's wife, Theresa, recalled that he was respectful to all and always kept his word. If he said he could do something, he did it. Long met his future wife while both were students at Sherman High School. They were married Nov. 4, 2005, and were living in Fort Riley, Kansas, at the time of his deployment to Iraq.

In addition to his wife, Specialist Long is survived by his parents, Melanie Thrasher of Sherman and William "Bill" Long III of Arlington; one brother, William Long IV of Sherman; one sister, Michaela Thrasher of Sherman; grandparents, William Long Jr. of Florida, and William Euans, Susan Long, and Shirley Dickinson, all of Ohio; and one great-grandparent, William G. Long Sr.

Madam Speaker, words cannot express the gratitude we owe to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom; it is a debt that can never be repaid. I pray that his family will find comfort in knowing that America will never forget the tremendous sacrifice he made while defending our country. As we honor America's fallen heroes on Memorial Day, let us pay tribute to the life of this dedicated young patriot, Army Specialist Braden Long.

CONGRATULATING MIKE GOTTFRIED ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE MOBILE SPORTS HALL OF FAME

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor Coach Mike Gottfried on the occasion of his

induction into the Mobile Sports Hall of Fame (MSHOF). Begun in 1987, the Mobile Sports Hall of Fame was created by the Mobile Chamber of Commerce to recognize those sports figures whose accomplishments and service have greatly benefited—and reflected credit on—the city of Mobile.

Coach Gottfried, an Ohio native, was a successful head football coach at Murray State, Cincinnati, and Kansas, before going to Pittsburgh, where he had wins over Notre Dame, Penn State, and West Virginia. In 1990, he moved to Mobile at the urging of his brother, University of South Alabama athletics director Joe Gottfried, for what he thought would be a temporary stay on the way to another college football coaching job. Eighteen years later, Coach Gottfried is still a resident of Mobile and is considered by many, including Mobile's Press-Register, as "one of the city's leading citizens."

In the late 1990s, Coach Gottfried was approached by then Mobile Mayor Mike Dow and then Press-Register Executive Editor Stan Tiner to gauge whether a postseason bowl game in Mobile could be successful. Using his contacts as a former head coach and as a football analyst for ESPN, he began building support for creating a bowl game in Mobile. That bowl game became the GMAC bowl, a bowl that is repeatedly rated as one of the top 10 bowl games to watch each year. Due in large part to Coach Gottfried's efforts, Mobile, with the GMAC bowl and the Senior Bowl, joined Miami as the only cities in the country to host two major college bowl games every year.

Shortly after the founding of the GMAC bowl, Coach Gottfried and his wife, Mickey, founded Team Focus, a Mobile-based community outreach program that provides fatherless boys with role models and positive influences in order to build character and foster self-esteem, self-worth and self-confidence. The program has grown rapidly, and today, there are camps in seven states and the District of Columbia. Last year, First Lady Laura Bush traveled to Mobile to commend Team Focus. She thanked all of the mentors for "trying to fill that void in the lives of these boys and being so successful at it."

Madam Speaker, throughout his life, Coach Mike Gottfried has been an outstanding role model for both children and adults alike. I know his family; his wife, Mickey; and his many friends join me in congratulating him on this remarkable achievement and extending thanks for his service over the years on behalf of the city of Mobile and the state of Alabama.

IN HONOR OF THE CLEVELAND
STEEL TOOL COMPANY ON
THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Cleveland Steel Tool Company and in recognition of 100 years of service and business in the city of Cleveland.

Founded in 1908, the Cleveland Steel Tool Company began as a producer of patented punches for the automotive leaf spring industry, the same year that Henry Ford introduced

his Model T automobile. For the past 100 years CST's products have been used in bridge, automotive, aircraft and shipbuilding industries and the company incorporated under President J.E. Doolittle, in downtown Cleveland on West 3rd Street. CST has been there since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution and is now one of the leading manufacturers in the world of punches, dies, tools and specialties. CST has been able to stay true to its roots despite the demands of the new technological era. With an inventory of over 12,000 products, its equipment and staff provide the best service and technological expertise to its customers worldwide. Over 50 of its 100 years of service and business has been from the same plant location in Cleveland.

The community of employees at CST is comprised of engineers and a technical team who contribute their talent, trade and expertise within an array of roles, ensuring the collective success of the company and its clients. CST's team of engineers works tirelessly to create innovative solutions to the Metalworking industry and their ingenuity is the driving success behind CST's equipment design. The technical team works directly with CST's customers by providing support for their tooling application problems.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and gratitude of all members of the Cleveland Steel Tool Company and the individuals who live and work within our Cleveland community. May their individual and collective commitment to their work bring another 100 years of success for the Cleveland Steel Tool Company.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, H.R. 5658 contains an authorization of \$3 million for electromagnetic inflight propeller balancing. The entity to receive funding for this project is the LORD Corporation, located at 2000 W. Grandview Blvd., Erie, PA 16509. The funding would be used for technology to electronically balance C-130 propeller blades. This project will benefit the U.S. Air Force C-130E/H fleet by reducing maintenance workload, improving aircraft readiness and availability, and improving the reliability of engine mounted components on C-130 aircraft. Initial estimates by the Air Force indicate a potential savings of \$169 million over 10 years.

H.R. 5658 contains an authorization of \$4 million for Next Generation Intelligent 8 Portble Radionuclide Detection and Identification Systems. The entity to receive funding for this project is eV Products, a division of II-VI, Incorporated, located at 373 Saxonburg Rd., Saxonburg, PA 16056. The funding would be used for development of Next Generation Intelligent Portable Radionuclide Detection systems. This project will be beneficial because these materials and systems are used for the detection, monitoring, and fast efficient reporting of the illegal import and transport of nuclear devices, special nuclear materials, and radiological materials.

H.R. 5658 contains an authorization of \$5 million in the aircraft procurement for the Army

account for UH-60A utility helicopter upgrades. The entity to receive funding for this project is the United States Army, located at the Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310. The funding would be used for recapitalization and conversion of UH-60A to UH-60L helicopters as part of a UH-60A upgrade program. This project will be beneficial as it will result in significantly increased reliability, reduction in operating costs, and increased capability to Army National Guard helicopters.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, in accordance with House Republican Conference standards, and clause 9 of rule XXI, I submit the following statement for the RECORD.

The first purpose of the Federal Government is to provide for the common defense. In accordance with this responsibility, which I swore to do when I signed my oath of office, I offered several amendments in the House Armed Services Committee to H.R. 5658, The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009. One of the amendments I offered passed and I understand that Mr. SKELTON, Chairman of the Committee, is now considering it an "earmark", which I believe is an inappropriate application of the definition and one which could subject all budget designations in the entire budget which differ from the President's submitted budget in any way to be considered "earmarks." House rule XXI defines an earmark as something that is included 'primarily at the request of a Member,' and since the entire Committee considered and voted on my amendment, it was agreed to by the Committee, and not simply by one Member who by submitting an amendment, is merely offering it as a suggestion for the Committee's consideration. As such, the purpose of this statement is to describe what my amendment is and what it is not.

The American people are right when they say Congress has a serious problem abusing the legislative process to fund pet and pork projects with American taxpayers' dollars. As such, I opted to suspend my requests to authorization and appropriations Committees until the system is cleared up enough to restore confidence both to the taxpayer and to me. Until this year, I did submit requests to the authorization and appropriations Committees in order to receive funding for programs and projects that are worthy of Federal dollars. I have always supported transparency and have never shied away from detailing which requests I asked for and which requests were ultimately included in the bills.

Federal dollars should not be used simply to take from all taxpayers to pour into another person's coffers. In other words, Peter in New Mexico should not be robbed to pay Paul in Arizona, even if Paul lives in Congressional District Two, which I represent. Federal taxpayer dollars should be wisely used to ensure our entire Nation is served well. It was this principle that inspired me to offer three amendments in the Armed Services Committee.